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Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 122 appear in the reports of the Committee contained in documents A/56/653 and A/56/735.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 41st, 44th, 52nd and 53rd meetings, on 4, 6, 15 and 19 March 2002. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/56/SR.41, 44, 52 and 53).

3. For its further consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

Construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/672);

(b) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/56/711);

Integrated Management Information System

(c) Thirteenth progress report of the Secretary-General (A/56/602);

(d) Thirteenth progress report of the Secretary-General: Lessons learned from the development and implementation of the Integrated Management Information System (A/56/602/Add.1);

(e) Reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/56/684; see also A/C.5/56/SR.41);

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Comprehensive study of the question of honorariums payable to members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations

(f) Note by the Secretariat (A/56/311);

(g) Oral report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (see A/C.5/56/SR.9, para. 21);

Standards of accommodation for air travel

(h) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/54/382, A/55/488 and A/56/426);

(i) Reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/56/7[1] and A/56/630).

II. Consideration of proposals

A. Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.43

4. At the 52nd meeting, on 15 March, the representative of Uruguay, Rapporteur of the Committee and coordinator of the informal consultations on this question, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa" (A/C.5/56/L.43).

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.43 without a vote (see para. 12, draft resolution I).

B. Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.46

6. At the 52nd meeting, on 15 March, the representative of Sweden and coordinator of the informal consultations on this question introduced, on behalf of the Chairman, a draft resolution entitled "Integrated Management Information System" (A/C.5/56/L.46).

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.46 without a vote (see para. 12, draft resolution II).

C. Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.55

8. At the 53rd meeting, on 19 March, the representative of Ukraine, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of the informal consultations on this question, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Comprehensive study of the question of honorariums payable to members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations" (A/C.5/56/L.55).

9. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.55 without a vote (see para. 12, draft resolution III).

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[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 7*, paras. 127-129.

D. Draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.60

10. At the 53rd meeting, on 19 March, the representative of Ukraine, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of the informal consultations on this question, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Standards of accommodation for air travel" (A/C.5/56/L.60).

11. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.60 without a vote (see para. 12, draft resolution IV).

III. Recommendations of the Fifth Committee

12. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

Draft resolution I
Construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa[2] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3]

1. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its report;[3]

2. *Decides* to approve the utilization of an amount of 7,711,800 United States dollars for the construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa, to be financed within the available balance of the construction-in-progress account;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly on an annual basis on progress made in the construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa, bearing in mind the views and recommendations contained in paragraphs 4, 5 and 8 of the report of the Advisory Committee.

Draft resolution II
Integrated Management Information System

The General Assembly,

[2] A/56/672.
[3] A/56/711.

Having considered the thirteenth progress report of the Secretary-General on the Integrated Management Information System project[4] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[5]

1. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its report;[5]

2. *Decides* to approve the utilization of an amount of 5,634,700 United States dollars of interest accrued under the Integrated Management Information System Fund from the investment income available at 30 June 2001 to meet the requirements of the Integrated Management Information System relating to the activities detailed in the report of the Secretary-General;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to report to the General Assembly, in the context of the proposed programme budget, under the corresponding section of the budget, on progress in the development and implementation of the Integrated Management Information System, including ways in which the System has reduced and will continue to reduce administrative processes and how these reductions have affected the programmatic work of the Organization, and to submit a concise update in non-budget years;

4. *Recalls* its resolution 56/239 of 24 December 2001 on information technology, and notes that the Integrated Management Information System must be an integral part of the comprehensive strategy for the development and implementation of information technology, a single report on which will be submitted to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session;

5. *Recalls also* paragraph 12 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[5] and requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session, in the report mentioned in paragraph 4 above, a schedule for the introduction and implementation of the Integrated Management Information System in peacekeeping missions and the International Tribunals.

Draft resolution III
Comprehensive study of the question of honorariums payable to members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Having considered the note by the Secretariat on the comprehensive study of the question of honorariums payable to members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations,[6]

1. *Decides*, with effect from 6 April 2002, to set at a level of one United States dollar per year all honorariums currently payable on an exceptional basis to the members of the International Law Commission, the International Narcotics Control Board, the United Nations Administrative Tribunal,

[4] A/56/602 and Add.1.
[5] A/56/684.
[6] A/56/311.

the Human Rights Committee, the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and the Committee on the Rights of the Child;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report on the appropriation adjustments required as a consequence of the present resolution and the related transfers in respect of the provision of Internet services as set out in paragraph ____ of resolution 56/____ and to do so in the context of the first performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 at the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly.

Draft resolution IV
Standards of accommodation for air travel

The General Assembly,

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on standards of accommodation for air travel;[7]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its reports;[8]

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to submit annual reports on standards of accommodation for air travel to the General Assembly through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

4. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General to improve coordination among the various departments in order to expedite settlement of travel reimbursement claims;

5. *Emphasizes* that all travel reimbursement claims must, to the extent possible, be settled within thirty working days of their submission.

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[7] A/54/382, A/55/488 and A/56/426.

[8] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 7* (A/56/7), paras. 127-129 and A/56/630.